

SUPERIOR COURT
STATE OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO
DEPARTMENT NINE

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All Attorneys Practicing in San Luis Obispo County, District Attorney, Sheriff, All Law Enforcement Agencies, Public Defender, Adult and Juvenile Probation Departments, County Administrative Office, Board of Supervisors, County Clerk and County Counsel

Re: Judicial Assignments for Calendar Year 2006

Commencing January 3, 2006, the Superior Court of California, County of San Luis Obispo, will initiate its annual judicial reorganization. This year the Court will again be organized by teams, with each judicial officer assigned to a specific team. Coverage for vacations, judicial education, illnesses, backup and disqualifications will, to the extent possible, be handled within each of the teams.

Please expect to see other changes in the spring of 2006 which will include a chain of reassignments resulting from Judge Hilton's retirement and the anticipated appointment of a new commissioner to replace the vacancy left by Judge Garrett's recent appointment. At that time, Judge LaBarbera will move to the Civil Team, Judge Garrett will move to the Criminal Team, and the new commissioner will be assigned to the Family Law Team. A visiting judge will be assigned to the criminal team until the Governor appoints a new judge to fill the vacancy left by Judge Hilton's retirement. That new judge will also be assigned to the Criminal Team when appointed.

The Court also has plans to assign judicial officers in branch courts to a single branch, thereby eliminating circuits which had commissioners moving between two branches. Each branch court will have a commissioner assigned on a fulltime basis. Commissioner Sidney B. Findley will cover all Grover Beach calendars. Commissioner Stephen B. Sefton will cover all Paso Robles calendars. Subsequent notice will be provided before the Court implements changes to both branch and San Luis Obispo judicial assignments.

Please direct questions you may have about next year's calendar configurations to judicial support staff by calling 781-5420. Thank you for your attention to the following changes.

Sincerely,

Roger T. Picquet
Presiding Judge Elect

Attachment: Judicial Assignments for 2006

JUDICIAL ASSIGNMENTS FOR 2006

Judge Roger T. Picquet will be the Presiding Judge for 2006. Judge Martin J. Tangeman will be the Assistant Presiding Judge and act as Presiding Judge in Judge Picquet's absence. The following are the assignments for 2006:

CRIMINAL TEAM

Judge Dodie A. Harman, Team Leader, Department 10

Judge Michael L. Duffy, Department 1

Judge Barry T. LaBarbera, Department 2

Judge John A. Trice, Department 6

Judge Charles S. Crandall, Department 7

Judge Teresa Estrada-Mullaney, Supervising Juvenile Judge, Juvenile Services Center

Commissioner Stephen B. Sefton, Paso Robles and Grover Beach

Commissioner Sidney B. Findley, Department 11, SLO, Paso Robles and Grover Beach

DUTIES: The criminal team will handle all felony and misdemeanor criminal cases from arraignment to disposition, along with criminal writs, and MDO petitions (2960 P.C.). All felony and misdemeanor arraignments, pretrials, motions, and trials will be heard in the department where the defendant makes a first appearance with the exception of afternoon in-custody arraignments, which may thereafter be reassigned to other departments. The judge presiding in that department will be assigned for all purposes for the balance of the case. Motions should be noticed at least ten (10) days in advance of the hearing date prior to the pretrial or pre-preliminary conference. Applications for criminal writs on actions taken by the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) should be presented to the Court in which petitioner's name falls. Ex parte applications should be presented to the judicial secretary. All juvenile delinquency and dependency calendars, contested hearings and the Juvenile Drug Court will be heard by the judge presiding at the Juvenile Services Center. Informal juvenile and traffic calendars and trials will be called by a hearing officer designated by the Court. Misdemeanor calendars will continue to be called in the Grover Beach and Paso Robles branch courts. Traffic calendars will continue to be called in San Luis Obispo, Grover Beach and Paso Robles.

Criminal Calendar – San Luis Obispo	
Adult Drug Court	Department 5, 10:30 a.m. Wednesday
Proposition 36 (Post-Sentence)	Department 10, 1:30 p.m., Tuesday
Mental Health Treatment Court	Department 7, 11:00 a.m. Friday Bi-Weekly
Arraignments, Sentencings, Pretrials/Pre-Preliminary Hearings In-Custody Arraignments	8:30 a.m. Monday-Friday Rotating Department 4:00 p.m. Daily

Criminal Calendar - San Luis Obispo (continued)	
Preliminary Hearings, Contested Probation Violation Hearings & Evidentiary Motions	TBA
Jury Trials	TBA
PC270 Hearings	8:30 a.m. Wednesday in Department 3 before AB1058 Commissioner
PC270 In-custody Arraignments and Returns on Bench Warrants	8:30 a.m. Mon. Tues., Thurs., Fri. in Criminal Alpha Courts

Single defendant cases will be assigned by surname as follows:		
A – Cn	(felony and misdemeanor)	Assigned Judge
Co – F	(felony and misdemeanor)	Judge Harman
G – K	(felony and misdemeanor)	Judge LaBarbera
L – O	(felony and misdemeanor)	Judge Duffy
P– Sl	(felonies and misdemeanor)	Judge Crandall
Sm – Z	(felonies and misdemeanor)	Judge Trice
Multiple defendant cases will be assigned equitably on a rotating basis.		
MDO (PC2960) cases are assigned to four of the criminal departments: One-third of the filings to Judge LaBarbera, Department 2; one-third of the filings to Judge Trice, Department 6; two-ninths of the filings to Judge Crandall, Department 7 and one-ninth of the filings to Judge Duffy, Department 1.		

In calendar year 2006, all juvenile delinquency and dependency calendars will be called at the Juvenile Services Center by Supervising Juvenile Judge, Teresa Estrada-Mullaney.

Juvenile Calendar – Juvenile Services Center (JSC)	
Dependency (300) Calendars	1:00 p.m. Tuesday 1:00 p.m. Wednesday
Delinquency (602) Calendars	8:30 a.m. Monday 1:00 p.m. Monday 8:30 a.m. Wednesday 8:30 a.m. Thursday 1:00 p.m. Thursday
Detention Hearings (Delinquency and Dependency)	10:00 a.m. Daily
Contested Delinquency/Dependency Hearings	8:30 a.m. Tuesday 3:00 p.m. Wednesday 3:00 p.m. Thursday
Dependency Readiness Calendar	12:30 p.m. Tuesday
Delinquency Drug Court	2:00 p.m. Monday
Dependency Drug Court	2:00 p.m. Friday
Delinquency Truancy Court	3:00 p.m. Monday
Informal Juvenile and Traffic Calendar	1:00 p.m. Friday (Calendar called by Deputy Probation Officer sitting as a hearing officer)

In calendar year 2006, misdemeanor calendars will be called in the Grover Beach and Paso Robles branch courts by Commissioner Stephen B. Sefton.

Misdemeanor Calendars – Grover Beach and Paso Robles	
Misdemeanor Arraignments	8:30 a.m. Wednesday – Grover Beach 1:30 p.m. Wednesday – Grover Beach 8:30 a.m. Tuesday – Paso Robles 1:30 p.m. Tuesday – Paso Robles
Misdemeanor Pretrial Conferences/Trial Setting Conferences/Probation Modifications	8:30 a.m. Monday – Grover Beach 8:30 a.m. Friday – Paso Robles
Motions	1:30 p.m. Monday – Grover Beach 1:30 p.m. Friday – Paso Robles

All traffic, minor misdemeanors and infractions will be called by Commissioner Sidney B. Findley in San Luis Obispo, Grover Beach and Paso Robles.

Traffic Calendars	
Adult Traffic Arraignments	9:30 a.m. Thursday – SLO 9:30 a.m. Wednesday – Paso Robles 10:30 a.m. – Grover Beach
Adult Traffic Trials	1:30 p.m. Thursday – SLO 1:30 p.m. Tuesday –Grover Beach 1:30 p.m. Wednesday – Paso Robles
Informal Juvenile and Traffic Calendars	9:30 a.m. Tuesday – Grover Beach 9:30 a.m. Wednesday – Paso Robles
Informal Juvenile and Traffic Trials	3:00 p.m. Thursday – SLO 3:00 p.m. Tuesday – Grover Beach 3:00 p.m. Wednesday – Paso Robles

NOTES ON TRAFFIC: Attorneys are to appear at either 1:30 or 3:30 p.m. for the SLO traffic arraignment calendar. Otherwise, their matter will be heard in the order that it is called. Attorneys are to notify the Traffic Department in Room 220 in advance of their intent to appear on a traffic matter. The Court will issue a separate notice on traffic hearing times, days, and locations.

CIVIL TEAM

Judge Martin J. Tangeman, Team Leader, Department 8

Judge Roger T. Picquet, Department 9

Judge Douglas Hilton, Veterans Hall

Commissioner Stephen B. Sefton, Limited Civil, Paso Robles and Grover Beach

Commissioner Sidney B. Findley, Small Claims, Department 11, SLO, Grover Beach and Paso Robles

DUTIES: The civil team will hear civil matters, probate, mental health, adoptions and civil writs. All proceedings will be heard by the judge who has been assigned to manage the case for all purposes. All motions should be calendared for that department after a date has been secured from the Clerk's Office. Jury trials, court trials and other contested hearings generally commence Monday at 8:30 a.m., but may be conducted Monday through Friday on a schedule determined by the judicial officer.

Civil Calendar	
<u>DEPARTMENT 8</u> Ex Parte Hearings Law & Motion Trial Calendar Case Management Conferences Probate Calendar (Estates/Trusts) Mediation/Settlement Conferences Civil Calendar (continued)	8:30 a.m. Tues., Thurs. & Fri. 9:00 a.m. Wednesday 8:30 a.m. Monday 9:00 a.m. Tuesday & Thursday 10:00 a.m. Tuesday 1:30 p.m. Wed., Thurs. & Fri.

<u>DEPARTMENT 9</u> Ex Parte Hearings Law & Motion Probate Calendar (Guardianships, Conservatorships, Minors Compromise) Adoption Calendar Trial Calendar Case Management Conferences Mediation Settlement Conferences	9:00 a.m. Tues. & Thurs. 9:00 a.m. Thursday 9:00 a.m. Tuesday 10:00 a.m. Tuesday 8:30 a.m. Monday 9:00 a.m. Weds. & Fri. 1:30 p.m. Wed., Thurs. & Fri. As arranged
Veterans Building Ex Parte Hearings Law and Motion Trial Calendar Small Claims Trials/Appeals Mediation & Settlement Conferences	8:30 a.m. Weds. & Fri. 9:00 a.m. Tuesday 9:00 a.m. Tuesday 8:30 a.m. Monday 8:30 a.m. Thursday 1:30 p.m. Weds., Thurs. & Fri.

Civil Calendar – Branch Courts	
Limited Civil Calendar – Paso Robles	1:30 p.m. Thursday
Limited Civil Calendar – Grover Beach	8:30 a.m. Thursday

Small Claims Calendar	
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Small Claims Calendar	9:00 a.m. Friday – SLO
Small Claims Calendar	1:30 p.m. Friday – Grover Beach
Small Claims Calendar	9:00 p.m. Monday – Paso Robles

NOTES ON CIVIL: Counsel requesting a court reporter for civil law and motion matters must make this request at least 24 hours in advance and must pay the court reporter appearance fee in advance. Local Rule of Court 18.00(c) may be invoked due to a current shortage of certified shorthand reporters. Counsel should expect to be prepared for trial on the assigned date.

FAMILY LAW TEAM

Judge E. Jeffrey Burke, Team Leader, Department 4
Judge Ginger E. Garrett, Department 3
Commissioner Patrick J. Perry, Domestic Violence, Family Support, Department 12

DUTIES: The family law team will hear matters related to dissolutions, annulments, petitions to establish parental relationship, custody, visitation, child and spousal support, domestic partnerships and domestic violence. All motions should be calendared for the case's assigned department after a date has been secured from the Clerk's Office.

Family Law Calendar	
<u>DEPARTMENT 4</u> Ex Parte Hearings Law & Motion Trials Trials or Mediation	8:30 a.m. Mon., Tues., Thurs. & Fri. 8:30 a.m. Wednesday 8:30 a.m. Mon., Tues., Thurs. & Fri. 1:30 p.m. Daily
<u>DEPARTMENT 3</u> Ex Parte Hearings Law & Motion Trial Trial or Mediation	8:30 a.m. Mon., Wed., Thurs., Fri. 8:30 a.m. Tuesday 8:30 a.m. Thurs. & Fri. 10:30 a.m. Mon., Tues., Wed. 1:30 p.m. Daily 8:30 a.m. Monday

<p><u>DEPARTMENT 12</u></p> <p>Ex Parte Hearings</p> <p>Law & Motion</p> <p>Trial</p> <p>Domestic Violence</p> <p>Trial or Mediation</p> <p>Family Support (AB1058 Calendar)</p>	<p>8:30 a.m. Tues., Weds., Thurs., Fri</p> <p>1:30 p.m. Monday</p> <p>8:30 a.m. Thurs. & Fri.</p> <p>10:30 a.m. Tues., Weds.</p> <p>8:30 a.m. Tues. & Weds.</p> <p>1:30 p.m. Daily</p> <p>8:30 a.m. Monday (called in Dept. 3)</p>
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NOTES ON FAMILY LAW: Commissioner Perry will call the OSC calendar for domestic violence and the AB1058 Family Support calendar. Local Rule of Court 18.00(c) may be invoked due to a current shortage of certified shorthand reporters. Counsel should expect to be prepared for trial on the assigned date. All ex parte hearings will be heard in each department. Ex partes will be heard on paperwork only.

APPELLATE DIVISION

Judge E. Jeffrey Burke
Judge Martin J. Tangeman
Judge Dodie A. Harman
Judge Roger T. Picquet (Alternate)

CALENDAR: Oral argument - 4:00 p.m. first Thursday of each month